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SUBJECT: FRG INITIATIVE ON AID UNTYING

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1. AID MINISTRY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOLTRECHT CALLED EMBOFF TODAY TO INFORM US THAT HE IS INVITING REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS TO BONN FOR A SEPTEMBER 10 DISCUSSION OF A POSSIBLE EARLY RECIPROCAL UNTYING AMONG PARTICIPATING AID DONORS. ON THE BASIS OF INTEREST EXPRESSED SO FAR, HE INTENDS TO INVITE ALL DAC AID DONORS EXCEPT THE U.S., FRANCE, PORTUGAL AND NEW ZEALAND. MOLTRECHT NOTED THAT HIS INTENTION WAS TO INVITE TO THE SEPTEMBER 10 SESSION ONLY THOSE GOVERNMENTS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATION IN AN EARLY, RECIPROCAL UNTYING. HIS ASSUMPTION WAS THIS DID NOT INCLUDE THE U.S., BUT IF HIS ASSUMPTION WERE INCORRECT, HE WOULD LIKE TO BE INFORMED BY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 SO THAT AN INVITATION COULD BE ISSUED TO THE U.S.

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2. WE TOLD MOLTRECHT WE WOULD PASS ON THIS INFORMATION TO WASHINGTON, BUT NOTED THAT HIS EARLIER REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF ANY U.S. INTEREST (REFTEL) HAD APPARENTLY ELICITED NONE. PLEASE ADVISE IF WE SHOULD PASS ON TO MOLTRECHT ANY U.S. REACTION TO HIS INQUIRY ON U.S. PARTICIPATION OR TO OTHER ASPECTS OF HIS UNTYING PROJECT.

3. MOLTRECHT HAS IN MIND AN INFORMAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG PARTICIPATING DONORS TO OPEN UP PROCUREMENT UNDER THEIR AID PROGRAMS, OR AGREED PORTIONS OF THEIR AID PROGRAMS, FOR SUPPLIERS FROM THE OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AD HOC GROUP. AS HE SEES IT, THIS WOULD BE DONE BY PARALLEL UNILATERAL DECLARATIONS, WITHOUT A MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT, ALTHOUGH PARTICIPATING DONORS WOULD AGREE TO CONSULT ON ANY INSTANCES OR PRACTICES WHICH APPEARED TO CONSTITUTE CONTINUED, INFORMAL TYING. MOLTRECHT DOES NOT EXPECT A FINAL DECISION AT THE INITIAL SEPTEMBER 10 SESSION. HE EXPECTS ALL INVITED GOVERNMENTS TO ATTEND, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTIONS OF THE U.K. AND CANADA, WHICH HE SAID ARE STILL CONSIDERING THE FRG INITIATIVE. CASH

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